[English]

iDA Loan for Laprosy and Aids Control

977. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: SHRI M.V. CHAN-DRASHEKARA MUR-THY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to obtain loan from the International Development Association for prevention programme of leprosy and AIDS; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Negotiations have been concluded with the World Bank for providing an assistance of US \$ 85 million (Rs. 229.5 crores) for National AIDS Control Project, which will be implemented for a period of five years from 1st April, 1992. Assistance of US \$ 85 million is expected to be provided by the International Development Association (soft loan affiliate of the World Bank).

A comprehensive project for control of Leprosy has been sent to the World Bank for appraisal.

Activities for prevention and control of AIDS to be undertaken under AIDS control project are as under:

- Programme Management
- Surveillance
- Blood Safety

- Information, education and communication
- Control of sexually transmitted diseases
- Condom promotion
- Case management

The project for Leprosy covers the following areas:

- Support to implement MDT through vertical NLEP
- staff in 66 endemic districts.
- Support to implement MDT (Modified) in 77 districts with prevalence rate between 2-5 through PH care staff.
- Information, Education and Communication support to NLEP in India.
- Strengthening of Monitoring & Evaluation of NLEP in India.
- Support to disability & ulcer care and rehabilitation services in NLEP—India
- Support to training and Man-power development for World Bank Projects in NLEP in India.

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978. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: SHRI ARVIND TULSHIRAM KAMBLE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representations have been